

*CLAIM AMENDMENTS*

1. (Currently Amended) An egg yolk separator comprising:  
a strainer having a portion for retaining an egg yolk and apertures for straining egg white therefrom; and  
a pair of supports extending in opposite directions from the strainer for resting on opposite sides of ~~a top~~ an opening of a vessel, ~~to locate~~ for locating the ~~overall~~ separator ~~thereon; on the vessel,~~ a first support of the pair of supports being extendable and retractable in length such that ~~the overall~~ the overall length of the ~~overall~~ separator is adjustable to suit the ~~width of said opening of the vessel-opening.~~
2. (Currently Amended) The egg yolk separator as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first support has a first section connected to the strainer and a second section slidably engaged, lengthwise, with the first section.
3. (Currently Amended) The egg yolk separator as claimed in claim 2, wherein the second section comprises a sleeve surrounding the first section such that the ~~two~~ first and second sections inter-engage in a telescopic manner.
4. (Currently Amended) The egg yolk separator as claimed in claim 2, wherein the first support includes frictional engaging means ~~provided~~ located between the first and the second sections for holding ~~them~~ the first and second sections at a ~~desired~~ selected length.
5. (Currently Amended) The egg yolk separator as claimed in claim 4, wherein the frictional engaging means ~~comprise~~ comprises at least one resiliently deformable protrusion and a co-operating track ~~provided~~ located at the ~~two~~ first and second sections ~~respectively, against which track the protrusion slidably bears~~ bearing upon the track by resilient deformation.
6. (Currently Amended) The egg yolk separator as claimed in claim 5, wherein the second section comprises a sleeve surrounding the first section such that the ~~two~~ first and second sections are inter-engaged in a telescopic manner, the first section including the protrusion and the second section including the track.

7. (Currently Amended) The egg yolk separator as claimed in claim 6, wherein the first section includes two ~~said~~ protrusions on opposite outer sides ~~thereof~~ of the first section, bearing resiliently against respective ~~said~~ tracks located internally of in the second section.

8. (Currently Amended) The egg yolk separator as claimed in claim 4, wherein the frictional engaging means ~~comprise~~ comprises a resiliently supported protrusion and a co-operating groove ~~provided~~ located at the ~~two~~ first and second sections ~~respectively, against interior of which groove~~ the protrusion slidably and resiliently ~~bears~~ bearing on a wall of the groove.

9. (Currently Amended) The egg yolk separator as claimed in claim 8, wherein the second section comprises a sleeve surrounding the first section such that the ~~two~~ first and second sections are inter-engaged in a telescopic manner, the first section including the groove and the second section including the protrusion.

10. (Currently Amended) The egg yolk separator as claimed in claim 9, wherein the groove has two relatively deeper parts at opposite ends ~~thereof, with either one of which~~ the protrusion ~~is inter-~~ being engageable with each of the deeper parts.